Swarna Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), a Centrally Sponsored Urban Poverty alleviation Programme, with effect from 01.12.1997 with a view to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or under-employed poor.

The States/UTs are persuaded form time to time for more effective implementation of the programme. In addition, close monitoring is done at the Central level for better results.

(c) No, Sir. Under SJSRY, based on the reports received from the State Governments/UTs till 31-10-2001, 3.62 lakh urban poor have been assisted through setting up of micro enterprises 3.27 lakhs have received training and 378.27 lakhs mandays of work have been generated with the utilisation of funds amounting to Rs., 773 crores (approximately).

(d) On the basis of suggestions made by the States/UTs, Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation has since initiated action to suitably modify the SJSRY Guidelines to make the scheme more effective and better result oriented.

Changing the look of Delhi

2267. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) how far the DDA could change the look of Delhi full of unauthorised constructions; and

(b) the number of demolitions made during the last six months in North West Delhi and North Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) The Land Management Department of DDA has been fixing regular demolition programme with the assistance of police. For this purpose 6 zones have been created each headed by a senior officer of the rank of Joint/Deputy Director who is assisted by Revenue and Engineering staff. Security Guards have been deployed for watch and ward of the Government land and the Assistant Engineers/Junior Engineers for the unauthorised construction in the development areas.

So far as areas falling in North West (Rohini Zone of DDA) and North Delhi are concerned 143 demolition programmes were fixed during the last six months (May to October 2001) as a result of which 2123 structures were demolished and 8.19 acres of land was reclaimed.

The Building Department of DDA issued 69 show cause notices, passed sealing-cum-demolition orders in 22 cases and in 18 cases these are implemented partly/fully during the last six months in North West Delhi and North Delhi.

Allotment of land to Kataria Education Society

2268. SHRI ABANI ROY : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s Kataria Education Society has been allotted land by DDA for a Nursery School in Paschim Vihar (A-I Block), New Delhi in violation of rules;

(b) whether Government have received representations/letters from MPs as well as Residents' Welfare Association for cancellation of land allotted to the Society; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

***Imposition of Broad Guage Technology for Delhi Metro Rail Project**

2269. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether strong protests have been lodged by Delhi on the decision to impose the outdated broad guage technology in Delhi Metro Rail Project;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government on the matter;

(c) whether broad gauge technology is creating certain problems for Kolkata Metro Project;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in order to avoid cost overrun ?